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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
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**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90**

Submitted herewith are letters to Commissioner Pai from each Commissioner at the Alabama Public Service Commission. The following Alabama rural telecommunications carriers selected the revised support offer under the Alternative Connect America Fund Model (A-CAM):

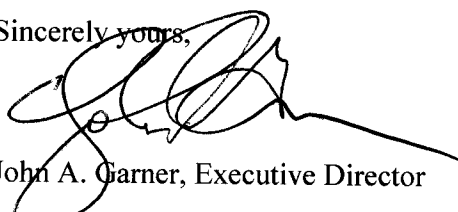
Millry Communications  
Butler Telephone Company  
National Telephone Company

Oakman Telephone Company  
Peoples Telephone Company  
Roanoke Telephone Company

These rural Alabama telecommunications carriers submitted a consolidated request to the FCC, dated December 1, 2017, seeking approval, prior to year-end, for disbursement of additional A-CAM funds. The funds will help provide broadband service to additional rural Alabamians in unserved or underserved areas.

The letters from the Commissioners of the Alabama Public Service Commission express complete support for the Alabama rural carrier A-CAM funding request. The Alabama Public Service Commission respectfully urges the FCC to approve the A-CAM funding request by year-end 2017.

Sincerely yours,

  
John A. Garner, Executive Director

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Mr. Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Chairman Pai:

As President of the Alabama Public Service Commission, I continue to advocate strongly in favor of expanded broadband Internet access—most notably in rural, unserved areas.

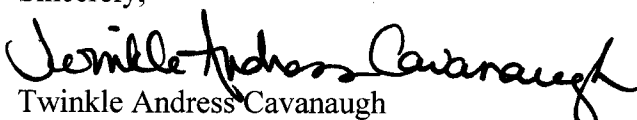
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I understand each company's commitment to reach additional Alabama citizens based on greater funding expires by the end of the year. This presents a unique opportunity for the FCC to make an immediate impact and bring broadband services to rural citizens in our state and across the country. I also recommend the FCC expeditiously evaluate additional universal service funding for the balance of the Alabama rural companies so they too will have the opportunity to reach additional customers.

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Thank you for your attention in taking this important step and approving additional A-CAM funding yet this year.

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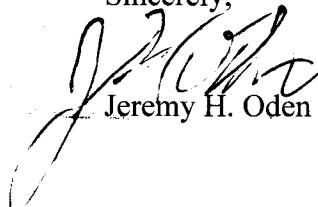
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Chris "Chip" Beeker, Jr.

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